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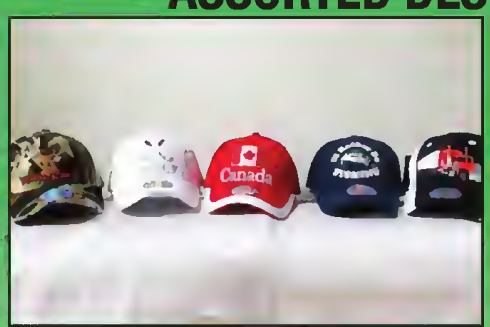

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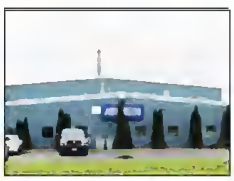

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A crowd gathered before the 79th running of the Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown, at Fort Erie Race Track Tuesday. For the full story visit online at www.forterietimes.com.

From the Big Apple to Crystal Beach

Local family welcomes inner-city kid

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Spending a week in Crystal Beach is a breath of fresh air for eight year-old Blessing Lee.

The youngster hopped on a bus in New York City and rode eight hours to spend time in Niagara.

Blessing arrived in Thorold on July 22, where she was greeted by the Reed family. It was the first time Blessing had been so far from home by herself.

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From left, Mike Reed with his daughters Sabrina Reed, 7, and Abigail Reed, 11, welcomed eight-year-old Blessing Lee from New York City and hosted the youngster in their Crystal Beach home for eight days as part of the Fresh Air Fund.

Fresh Air Fund is 'an enjoyable experience'

From Page 1

Blessing is visiting Niagara as part of the Fresh Air Fund. The program sends inner city youth to rural areas for the summer to experience a different way of life.

At home, Blessing said she lives in an apartment with her parents and two siblings.

"There's more space here (in Crystal Beach)," Blessing said.

While staying with her host family, Lee woke up every morning and raced with her new friend, Sabrina Reed, to the raspberry patch in the Reeds' garden. Together, the two would feast on the delicious berries for breakfast.

"She likes to watch the garden and check out all of the bugs," Sabrina's mom, Misha Reed, said.

Misba and her busband Mike are first-time host parents for the Fresh Air Fund.

Their job as host parents was to care for Blessing as a member of the family.

"Since Blessing has been here, we've been doing all the same things we would have been doing otherwise," Misha said.

Misha's daughters, Sabrina, 8, and Abigail, 11, go swimming, play in the backyard and visit the beach.

The Reeds wanted to invite a child to stay with them for a week in the summer to introduce their children to a new experience.

"We wanted to introduce our kids to another way of life and gain experience from Blessing," Misha said.

"Abigail also has international pen pals and we thought Blessing could be a pen pal for our daughter Sabrina."

Mike said he would recommend the Fresh Air Fund to families who are willing to open their homes and hearts to a child for a week or two in the summer.

"Absolutely, we would recommend it. It's been a really enjoyable experience," he said.

When she picked up her summer guest, Misha said she saw many other families welcome host children back.

"You could tell many families have been hosting children for years," she said.

"Some kids weren't shy at all when they got off the bus and they had big smiles on their faces."

Misha met some families who have participated in the Fresh Air Fund "for more than 15 years."

Misha and Mike are already thinking about participating in the Fresh Air Fund next year.

"We definitely would be a host family again," she said.

Blessing returned to New York City on Wednesday afternoon, where she lives with her family in the Bronx.

Misha said her daughters will miss their new friend.

For more information about the Fresh Air Fund visit online at www.freshair.org.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Abigail Reed and her sister Sabrina Reed cooled off from the summer sun with their new friend, Blessing Lee, from New York City, while sitting in the shade. The Reeds welcomed Blessing to spend eight days at their Crystal Beach home as part of the Fresh Air Fund. The program sees hundreds of inner city kids experience a Niagara summer each year.

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Newalta has been given a fine for releasing a contaminant into the air from its Pettit Rd., facility in Fort Erie.

Waste firm fined for acidic discharge

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A waste management company has been fined $79,950 for releasing a contaminant into the air from its Pettit Rd., facility in Fort Erie.

In addition to the fine, Newalta, an Alberta-based company, is also required to pay a victim fine surcharge for violating the Environmental Protection Act. It has six months to pay the fine.

Lindsay Davidson of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, said the government received a complaint of a yellow plume with an acidic odour coming from the stacks of the Newalta facility.

The discharge caused two nearby businesses to shut their doors and turn on exhaust fans. Two employees of those businesses also complained of having a sore throat.

Davidson said the incident was assessed and the discharge only "lasted for 25 minutes" before the contaminant was contained.

Greg Jones, the company's managing director of corporate and customer communications, said Newalta "takes full responsibility for the incident."

The discharge occurred during the treatment of pool chemicals.

Jones said an operator didn't add a necessary chemical during the treatment process that generated chlorine gas, which was discharged through a stack.

Jones said safety is of "the utmost importance" to Newalta staff.

"This is the first and only time this type of incident has happened in our company's history," Jones said.

He added Newalta has "fully co-operated" with the ministry and has conducted its own investigation into the incident to ensure a similar incident doesn't happen.

"We have also taken several corrective measures, which include more testing and more frequent monitoring."

Jones said nearby residents shouldn't be concerned for their safety or health because the chemical waste processing division, where the incident occurred, is expected to close in the next few months.

Jones said the announcement to close the chemical waste processing division at the Fort Erie facility was announced in January.

"The chemical waste processing work will be closed in Fort Erie and redirected to other Newalta facilities."

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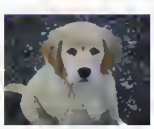
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Proposed zoning change to plant concerns resident

Superior Propane is looking to expand Stevensville facility

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Karen Kerr is concerned about the possibility of Superior Plus Propane Ltd. expanding its facility near her Stevensville home.

The propane facility is asking the Town of Fort Erie to consider a bylaw amendment that would allow the plant to rezone land at 2364 Ridgemount Rd. If it is approved, it would allow the construction of three rail sidings to accommodate up to 14 rail cars and the installation of two new above ground storage tanks.

An open house was held on July 22 and an additional public meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. at town hall.

If the expansion moves forward, Kerr said the value of her property "would plummet" and her insurance "would go up."

"I'm concerned because what if there was a propane leak? Transferring propane is dangerous and it smells. If this goes expansion goes through, it will only make it worse."

Kerr said she and her family moved into their Stevensville home knowing the plant was nearby but she "never expected" the plant would expand.

She said only a handful of people were notified and she has handed out notices to all of her neighbours.

Plant manager George Burgman is encouraging the public to contact him or the Town of Fort Erie if anyone has concerns about the proposed bylaw amendment.

> **"It would cost me my job and everyone else's too if we weren't safe."**
> — *George Burgman*

"If I don't have the answers, I will get them. We're in the community too and we value their opinions."

He said rezoning the property is the first in a series of steps to see the plant expand.

"All we are trying to do is propose a change in zoning for our property," Burgman said.

The next step is to have a risk assessment completed which will "cost upwards of $100,000."

"Anything we do is governed by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority, which is a very strict organization," Burgman said.

"Before anything can be done, the TSSA has to look at a risk and safety management plan so that will govern what we can do and what we can't do," he added.

Burgman said maintaining safety as the plant is important to him.

"It would cost me my job and everyone else's too if we weren't safe."

Presentations can be made to council members at the Aug. 11 meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak must register with the town clerk by 3 p.m., the Wednesday prior to the meeting. For more information call 905-871-1600 ext. 2236 or 2212.

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Mike Wyllie who identified the constable in last week's photo.

He was Don Morrison, who was stationed with the Ontario Provincial Police in Welland.

Thanks as well to Marian Miller who gave us the name of the lady in the Customs photo.

This was Dorothy Gardiner, who was also being honoured as a retiree from Customs.

This week's photo of dart tournament winners has several names on the back: Cliff Wilson, Dave Symes and Stan Hislop.

If you know who's who or where and when this photo was taken, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

letters to the editor

Resident appalled at person's lack of understanding

Dear Editor,

I am a full time caregiver to a teenager with special needs.

He has been in my care since he was a young boy. I would just like to say that I feel proud to live in a community where the rights of all citizens are being thought of.

I was very happy when the Town of Fort Erie started placing swings for people with special needs in the parks. The person that I watch happens to love the park in Crystal Beach on the waterfront.

We have visited there often, in all seasons, just to let him get a bit of fresh air and enjoy the swing for people with special needs. His squeals of excitement and joy can be heard throughout the park, as he shows his love of riding the swing.

Over the years many people have commented on how happy he sounds. Very often there are people pushing children on the special needs swing when we arrive. I politely explain that I have a child with special needs with me in the car and would they mind letting him use the swing for a while?

They have always let us use it. I politely say thank you and I always thank them one more time for sharing before we leave.

This all changed on July 16, when we visited the park. We noticed a lady pushing a young girl in the swing. I parked and walked to the swing for people with special needs, I politely explained that I had a child with special needs in the car and if I got him out could we please us the swing.

The lady started to shake her head indicating "No."

I looked at her shocked. She ignored me and talked to a lady beside her with another child.

I explained to her that the Town has placed these swings for people with special needs to use.

She very rudely answered that she would let us use it when she was done. That they were not finished yet. I walked back to my car and waited about five minutes till she took the girl out of the swing.

I took my child out of the car and took him to the swing. The lady was talking to the girl with her saying, "That boy is way too big for the swing.

The swings aren't made for people like him." Then she proceeded to talk to every other adult in the park area, saying that I had made her take her child off the swing and that "the boy" was too big for the swing anyway.

I really feel the need to bring this story to the attention of the citizens of the town. I, like all caregivers, am only trying to give the child I care for, the child I love, the ability to enjoy his surroundings, just like everyone else enjoys their surroundings.

These swings are made by an amazing company called, Play Power LT Canada Inc. You can call them and have any questions answered, they are always very friendly and willing to explain the products they make. These special swings are designed and manufactured for the purpose of allowing people with special needs the joy of being able to enjoy a swing ride, something a lot of us take for granted.

They hold individuals up to 125 pounds, so the 92 pound child I had with me that day was not too big. The swings are designed for children and adults that are under the weight limit.

So to the lady at the park, I would like to say, the child that I put on the swing was not too big and the swings are in fact made for "people like him"

The rudeness you showed to us was appalling and still bothers and upsets me when I think about it.

But the fact that you are setting a poor example to the next generation is even more bothersome. I hope all the other adults in the park that day that you talked to about us, do not hold your same judgmental attitudes. We are all people, people with rights and people with feelings.

To the Town of Fort Erie and those who sit in places of decision making, thank you so very much for placing these swings in the parks.

They have brought hours and hours of laughter and enjoyment to many. I hope that one day you might be driving by or walking past a park with one of these swings and experience for yourself the absolute joy of watching and hearing the excitement that they bring to the special citizens of our town.

Jane Schell
Fort Erie

opinion page

Chill out at the library with plenty of activities

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

In this week's column, I'm going to let readers know about all of the exciting activities that we have coming up at the Fort Erie Public Library.

With everything from family friendly films to the Eureka Space program and writing club, there is something for everyone of all ages at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Walking with Dinosaurs is the Fort Erie Public Library family film playing tomorrow, Aug. 1 at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2 at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library.

This PG rated movie lets children see and feel what it was like when dinosaurs ruled the Earth, in a story where an underdog dinosaur triumphs to become a hero.

The family friendly movie on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch is Robots, a good versus evil story taking place in a robot world.

This movie will also play on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9 at the Centennial branch.

Our Thursday evening film for adults tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch is Great Beauty, an Italian film with English subtitles.

This is a mix of comedy and drama telling the story of an older journalist in Rome who unexpectedly takes stock of his life, turning his cutting wit on himself and his contemporaries, and looking past nightclubs and parties to truly see Rome in all its glory: a timeless landscape of absurd, exquisite beauty.

This movie, rated 14A for language and nudity, will encore at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Eureka Space, on Thursdays at the Stevensville branch, Mondays at the Crystal Ridge branch and Tuesdays at the Centennial branch, all at 3 p.m., offers a time and place for a specific project each week, plus extras including Lego, Rainbow Loom, papercrafts and art projects. There is a lot to do for ages 6 and up, just bring your Eureka with you.

Field Trip Friday, held tomorrow and for the following two Fridays at 2 p.m. at the Centennial branch, offers a free, virtual tour of a different, exciting place each week.

Maker Camp for D I Y'ers, crafters and tinkerers among older kids and teens is open at the Centennial branch on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 5 and 6, beginning at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a virtual meeting with Maker experts and learn new techniques. Maker Camp is free.

Writers' Group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library.

Staff member Derek Clendening, a published author, moderates this group and offers tips and advice to writers of all ages, teen through senior. Writers, whether published or not, are encouraged to bring their work and their questions for this free monthly session. Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. is the next gathering of the Writers' Group.

Please note that while all branches of the library will be closed on Monday, Aug. 4 for the Civic Holiday, the website is always open.

For more information about other upcoming events at the library visit online at www.fepl.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Plato: Hawk watching is 'a good hobby'

Earl Plato

Why not start another nature hobby in 2014?

Hawk watching.

Our local hawks have come back.

We saw two Red-tail hawks on Michener Road just outside of Ridgeway recently.

We saw a Red-tail, Cooper, Sharp-shinned, Harrier, Kestrel and even some rarer species are in the Niagara Region.

Where to go?

The rural areas of Niagara—the side roads and specific places you know. I

f you "hawk" from the confines of your car, be careful.

It's best if one drives and in the passenger seat the other uses the bird glasses. Watch for cars behind and if possible pull over on the shoulder.

Don't block traffic.

When I started hawk watching after my retirement I found a few places I liked to sight these fascinating raptors.

South Koabel Road off Netherby Road used to be a great area for watching from your car. This is Red-tail country although we see the beautiful little Sparrow hawks (Kestrel) there quite often.

Here in 2014 it is less frequent.

One place I used to return again and again to is the Stevensville Conservation Area.

This is where I saw "mobbing" of a Great Horned owl by a murder of crows.

Murder?

Yes. For over an hour I watched the systematic bedevilling of that great raptor.

It eventually flew eastwards pursued by the crows.

In an insert in his log, naturalist Ed Teale, tells us about the great flying hawk, the Sharp-shinned and his mobbing foes, the Blue Jays. If you know about this acrobatic raptor here is a portion of Teale's account.

"A sharp-shinned hawk had been haunting the yard this morning trying to catch a chickadee. I saw this predator streaking in, speeding low across the yard toward the terrace apple tree." Get the picture?

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Writer's Note: The sharp-shinned hawk is a raptor. It hunts other birds.

It's a great flyer. It is not a large hawk. Our most common hawk locally is the red-tailed hawk.

It is a much larger hawk and can not manoeuvre like a sharp-shinned. A red-tail's diet consists mainly of the meadow vole not other birds.

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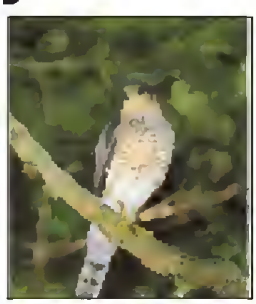

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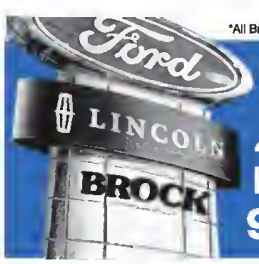

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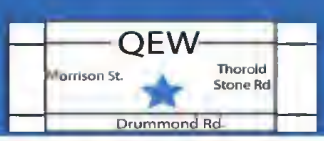

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The organization is hosting its Back To School Program which will provide school supplies to 80 families with children.

Items that are needed include backpacks, lunch bags, pencil cases, pens, pencil crayons and more.

The local organization is also hosting a Gaming Drive and is looking for systems that children are no longer using.

Gaming systems that will be accepted include game boys, Nintendos, Playstations and Xboxs along with the games and accessories.

These systems and games will be distributed with the organization's Christmas program to children who would not be able to afford a system or games otherwise, or for children who have never owned a video game in their life.

For more information about making a donation or to apply for assistance, call Mindy Leveille, Niagara Children's Assistance Program at 289-320-8613.

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- Live racing starts at 2pm
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Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard welcomed special guests from Japan last week Miyuki Tage, Atsushi Tage and their children, Iori and Chisato. Miyuki is one of Collard's former students when he taught the English language in Japan. Miyuki visited Fort Erie 15 years ago, and decided to bring her children and husband to see Canada and reunite with Collard. Last Friday, the Tages received a tour of town hall. Both Collard and Miyuki have kept in contact through the years via e-mail and Skype.

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Action figure photography on display at Sanctuary

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Laurie Boese doesn't think he's too old to play with toys.

He doesn't think anyone else is too old to play with toys either.

"When people get older, they put their toys away in a box and shove them in the closet forever."

But they don't have to according to Boese.

The St. Catharines resident, and Dr. Who fan, has put many of his old toys to good use. He's been photographing famous childhood action figures in fun and creative ways for years.

Boese photographs characters such as Boba Fett, Batman, Dr. Who, and Lego people.

The idea to develop action figure photography came to Boese when he was trying to find a way to engage children in his art classes.

"I've been teaching art classes since 1987 and I was trying to find fantastic poses using action figures for kids to draw," he said.

"I began to take photos of the action figures to make sure I got all of the toys back after class," he laughed.

Boese, who is also known as a Mad Scientist to children across Ontario, said he enjoys working with children and teaching them about art through the use of his toys.

"And the adults love playing with the toys too," Boese said.

He began displaying his work online using Instagram and Facebook. Boese said his photography is becoming widely known through the social media sites and "people really seem to enjoy them."

"Some people have even started taking their own pictures with their toys in funny situations and shared them with me."

The artist currently has his action figure photography on display at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, on Ridge Rd., in Ridgeway.

Boese encourages everyone to come his art which will be on display at the Sanctuary until the end of August.

For more information about Boese and his art work, send him an e-mail at elbows@niagara.com.

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St. Catharines artist Laurie Boese has his action figure photography on display at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway from now until the end of August.

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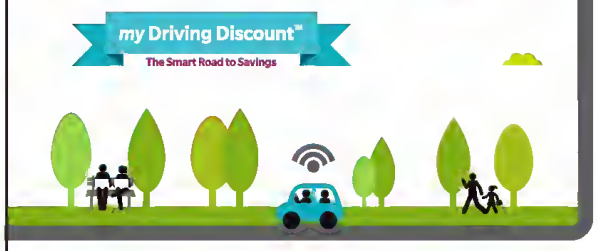

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Two ticks tested by Region positive for Lyme Disease

> Once a tick has been tested, it's up to an individual to consult his or her physician

> **"If we identify a tick that's found on a person as a blacklegged tick, one our public nurses will give that person a call. We don't event wait for the results (of a Lyme test)"**
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> *— Peter Jekel*
> *Regional manager of environmental health*

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Region doesn't take chances when it comes to ticks.

If a resident brings in a tick for testing to a public health office and it is subsequently identified as the potentially Lyme-carrying kind, the resident is notified as quickly as possible.

Peter Jekel, the Region's manager of environmental health, said although very few blacklegged ticks test positive for Lyme bacteria, public health is quick to act.

"If we identify a tick that's found on a person as a blacklegged tick, one of our public health nurses will give that person a call," Jekel said. "We don't even wait for the results (of a Lyme test.)"

It is up to that individual to consult a physician, Jekel said. The doctor can follow up with the public health department to see if the tick tested positive for the Lyme bacteria. Health Canada says Lyme disease can easily be treated with antibiotics within two to four weeks of infection.

Jekel said residents can bring in ticks — dead or alive — to any of the public health department offices. He said the ticks should be carried in a sealed container, such as pill bottles.

In 2013, a little less than 1,100 ticks were submitted to the public health unit, of which 56 were blacklegged, and of those, nine were positive for Lyme bacteria.

This year to date, 474 were submitted; 33 were blacklegged; two were positive for Lyme bacteria.

Jekel said public health staff quickly identify the ticks and get back in touch with the people who submitted them in order to alleviate infection concerns.

"We have staff here who can do that ... at the most a day turnaround," Jekel said. "We would identify it, and by the time we get ahold of the person by phone, it might be the next day."

Jekel said most of the blacklegged ticks are coming from near the shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

"But at the same time, there are scatterings from across the region," Jekel said. "We get them throughout the region, but if you're going to look for more activity, I'd say along the lake shorelines. But not at actual beaches, it would be more where there's forested areas."

Ticks get on humans and animals by climbing vegetation, such as a blade of grass, and waiting for them to pass, when they do, they latch on and find a place to suck blood.

Jekel said the Region holds sessions for its outdoor workers on how best to avoid becoming a host to a tick. Tips include wearing an insecticide containing DEET and keeping pants tucked inside socks.

Jekel said it's a good idea for people who have been outdoors in areas of vegetation to inspect their bodies while taking a shower.

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Protect yourself from ticks

Health Canada suggests the following to protect yourself if you venture into forests or overgrown areas:

- wear closed-toe shoes, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- pull socks over pant legs
- wear light coloured clothes to spot ticks easier
- use insect repellent containing DEET (active ingredient to keep bugs away) or Icaridin (always follow directions)
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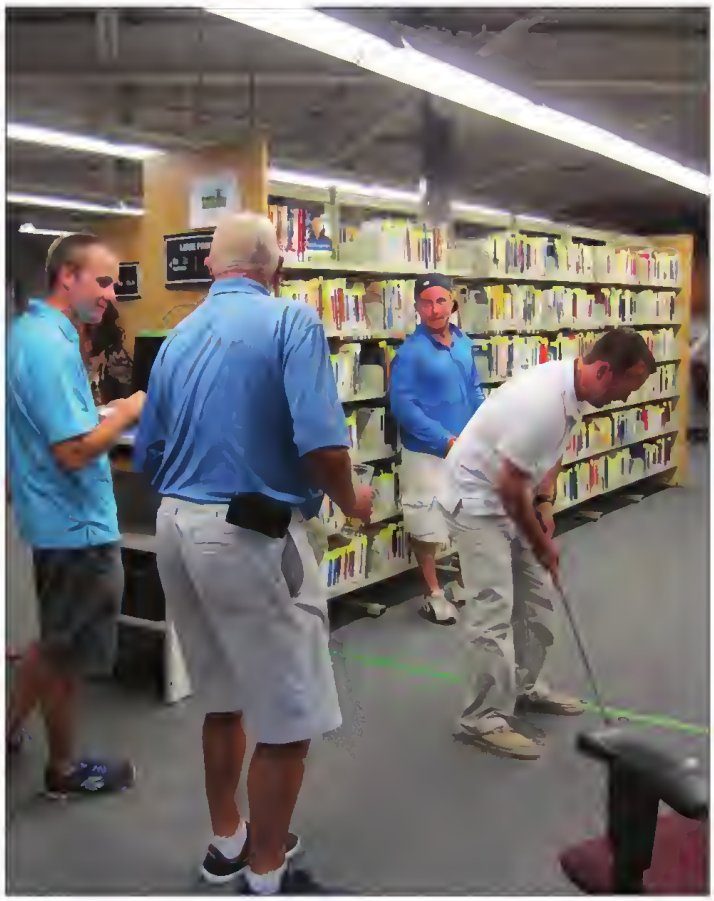

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From the gardener's journal: July is 'middle of our growing season'

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

I wanted to begin by thanking so many of you who e-mail or stop me and say thanks to me for writing this little column.

You are very kind and give me much encouragement as well as suggestions—I love it.

We have had such a fun week with our little grand daughter and some family and friends who came to visit.

I was beautifully reminded that to really enjoy life and learn you must slow down and see things happen through the eyes of children.

My almost four year-old grand niece was just learning to properly pick flowers.

She had definite ideas of colour and arrangement and we spent plenty of time enjoying that task.

My grand daughter and other friends loved to walk all around and just look and look at everything and pick the smallest bits of grass and clover to put in their baskets.

They so enjoyed picking the fresh herbs and tasting them too.

A few years ago I put in a little woodsy walking trail and they all enjoying jumping from flat stone to flat stone and hanging out in the shade of the trees.

The bloom on the hostas was the favorite as they could be picked and there were so many of them.

As we spent wonderful time together I was reminded again how much we all need to be outside and explore to lighten our lives! Even the smallest blooms can be appreciated in a growing space.

I suppose I am on a bit of a theme but it does appear that we can be content and even very excited with very little.

I witnessed that each day this week with the children—they could find beauty everywhere.

And a few surprises too.

Last year's cosmos has reseeded and is springing up in random beauty.

A beautiful melon lily with a lovely bright pink throat has re-appeared.

I thought it was lost to me last year but it has bloomed in profusion.

The hydrangea that was struggling to adjust has settled in and is showing its strength.

The tomatoes and other veggies are strong and healthy. And best of all the memorial roses are blooming again.

I often wonder why midsummer is in late June when it seems to me this time in July is truly the middle of our growing and warmest season.

This is the time when we can truly enjoy all our weeding and seeding and when we begin to gather seeds for next year on the warm and dry days.

Oh and of course use some of that fresh produce for picnics at the beach in the evenings.

Each morning I think, it doesn't get any better than this.

Our mama and papa robin were able to launch all four babies late in the week.

We saw two stand up and take wing from the nest, although one of the first flights looked more like a little plane out of control as he hit the deck and sat dazed.

Next time we saw him he had the wing thing covered. We still see them in and around the yard and marvel at how quickly they become self-sufficient. I think that will be the last nest for this year..

The monarchs are gathering and appreciating the milkweed scattered throughout the bush. Lovely to see them come fluttering through and enjoy the nectar of life in our gardens. The hummingbirds are in full force as they too have found sustaining food for their flights. I see the Blue Jays are eyeing my raspberries each morning and I am sure they will try and beat me to them if they can.

I hope you find time in your day or your week to enjoy the blooms and fruits of life, even perhaps to slow down for an adventure in teaching a small child how to pick flowers and herbs and vegetables.

These are definitely the seeds that will take for a life time.

Just one little quote to say it for this week and maybe next: " Summer is the time when you take off your shoes as much as possible, leave work as early as possible, and head for the lake or beach as soon as possible." (Bernie Sheahan from "Soul Searching")

Until next week, see you at the beach, the paths or trails and as always, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Garden Club.

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Stained glass artist featured on south Niagara tour

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The South Niagara Artists Studio Tour is sure to add a little colour to your summer.

The third annual studio tour, which will be held on Aug. 9 and 10, will feature more than 20 artists along the south shore of Niagara, stretching from Ridgway, to Crystal Beach and as far as Wainfleet.

The studio tour is a self-guided tour that gives art lovers a chance to discover artists in their own communities.

Dianne Perham, a stained glass veteran for more than 20 years, will open up her shop in Ridgeway during the tour.

She is looking forward to art lovers who will drop into her shop during the tour.

"I love meeting people and finding out where they come from," she said.

Perham enjoys sharing her artwork because there is no end to designs or arrangement of colours.

"You're only limited by your imagination when it comes to stained glass," Perham said.

Perham started making stained glass art as a hobby and she makes a wide variety of creations which include sun catchers, door frames and lamps.

Perham has always had a keen interest in the art of stained glasses.

"Stained glass always caught my attention, especially when I was in church as a young girl."

Perham also loves making stained glass creations because "it makes people happy."

"It (making stained glass) is very popular and many people do it as a hobby. Some people I talk to made stained glass years ago and they come back to it as they retire like I did."

Perham enjoys teaching others how to make stained glass art and she teaches small groups of adults in her studio. Lessons are two and a half hours long and cost $85 for four lessons or $120 for six lesson. For more information about lessons in making stained glass art, call Perham at 905-894-8537.

Artists featured in this year's tour include Fort Erie artists such as woodcarver Alison Barclay; Patti Harris, who experiments with weaving, paper-making and mixed-media collage and Phyllis MacKay, a self-taught acrylic artist.

For more information about the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour visit www.southniagaraartists.ca.

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Dianne Perham is one of the artists featured on this year's Niagara Studio Artists' Tour.

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Butler hopes to represent ward 4

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Marina Butler believes the future of a community depends on growing employment opportunities.

"You have to have jobs and growth in a community in order for the community to succeed," she said.

The owner of Employment Professionals Canada, formerly known as Erie Personnel Corporation, is running to represent Ward 4 residents in the Oct. 27 municipal election. Butler's only opponent currently is incumbent John Hill.

Butler has chosen to run because she feels it is time for new voices to be hear in the council chamber.

"I think fresh faces would be welcome. Fresh faces are what this town seems to need. The town needs someone with experiences and someone with energy to bring this community together," she said.

Butler feels she would bring "a fresh perspective to the community" and her experience growing her own business from a skeleton staff to a successful human resources firm that specializes in providing employment services to businesses across Niagara would be beneficial to the community.

Butler also feels Fort Erie's current council has "stood divided" on a number of issues such as the controversial Bay Beach 12-storey condominium project which was scrapped in December.

"I know all of the councillors and I like all of the councillors but I think there have been some big issues that have caused division."

Butler believes being a councillor "is not an easy job" but it's easier "if people work together."

Butler said her experience with a number of boards and committees would be an asset to council if she is elected. Butler is currently chairman of the board of trustees for D'Youville College in Buffalo.

If she is elected, Butler is looking forward to "bringing the community back together" and focusing on fiscal responsibility, creating a plan for development and working with "neighbourhood groups."

"We also need to find new ways to generate revenue and to lobby the government for the needs of Fort Erie," she said.

For more information or to contact Butler visit her web site at www.marinabutlerward4.com.

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MARINA BUTLER Special to The Times

Marina Butler is running to represent Ward 4 residents in the upcoming Oct. 27 municipal election.

Hill looking for re-election in Ward 4

Stephanie Azevedo
Special to The Times

John Hill is looking for re-election into Fort Erie's council in October.

He has served Ward 4 for four years and is looking to "position Fort Erie for a more prosperous future."

Over those years he has worked on numerous issues including an asset management plan, setting up a town cash reserve, implementing zero development charges for industries, and focusing on reducing municipal tax rates.

All these things he hopes will bring people, businesses and jobs back into the town.

"As I look through what I believe to be key issues, each one is intertwined with the other. They can't stand independently. We need to continue the good work we did over the last four years."

Some of that work includes reducing the municipal tax rate.

"We, through due diligence, have managed to bring the tax rate down in 2014 to the lowest tax rate in 8 years, 2.72%," Hill says.

FILE PHOTO Fort Erie Times
Ward 4 Coun. John Hill is running for re-election in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

Fort Erie is now, what Hill considers, "in the best fiscal position [it has] ever been in."

Of the council, Hill says there are always challenges. "There are always different personalities, different people thinking their way is in the right way or the only way," he says.

"I look at it and say, 'I can understand that position,' or, 'I don't, help me look at this from your position.'"

"If people want to make things difficult, I don't need to fall into that. I need to stay focused on what will keep Fort Erie moving toward that more prosperous end."

If re-elected, Hill hopes "to bring back respect for all levels of government." He says creating a more respectful relationship with government would allow Fort Erie to take advantage of the programs and stimulus packages the provincial government offers.

Hill says he considers Ward 4 to be "in a great position" in terms of development, and is pleased by the new Ridgeway village square. "

I fought very hard to get that going."

He says that though there are bad sewers and roads in ward 4, those are problems every part of Fort Erie faces.

One of Hill's strengths is his clarity.

"If a report [that comes before council] is not straightforward, then I like to go and bring in all the information that I can."

That includes talking to residents and staff to get their input.

"I put it together in my mind and make the best decision that I can."

Hill is originally from Chippawa and his wife is from Port Colborne. He says he has fond memories of Fort Erie, including the Crystal Beach amusement park, Sherkston Beach and playing basketball against Ridgeway when he was growing up.

When he retired, he saw the opportunity to come back. "My wife and I fell in love with Ridgeway."

"If you were to come down to the market on a Saturday morning and see the people and the enthusiasm that is in Ridgeway, you'd say how blessed you are to be living in Ridgeway. It's a great community."

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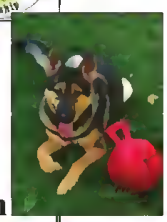

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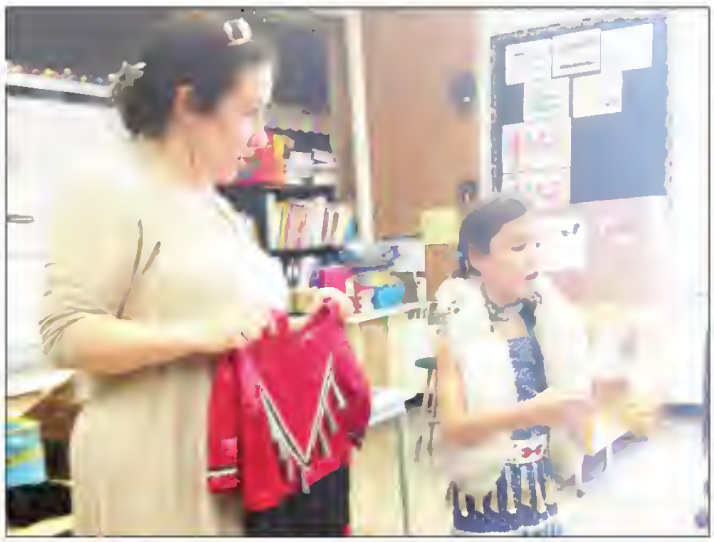

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4. Use Appropriate Plants Choose plants that are native to this region for the best results.

5. Mulch Cover the soil's surface around plants with a mulch.

6. Irrigate Avoid overwatering-it's best to water deeply and less often.

7. Maintain your landscape Keep weeds from growing up through the mulch, add a thicker layer of mulch and don't cut grass too short - taller grass is a natural mulch which shades the roots and helps retain moisture. Low-maintenance is one of the benefits of xeriscaping.

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Youngsters turn up the heat on fun

MALLORY MILTON Special to The Times

Youngsters at the Summer Heat program at Garrison Road Public School are enjoying an educational summer camp experience with literacy and aboriginal based activities. The program is hosted by the District School Board of Niagara and provides support for students and families during the summer months. The program is free but limited space is available each year. Top left, Audra Maloney and her daughter Ayla Maloney taught summer campers about Jingle Dancing, which is a healing aboriginal dance. Right, Caleb Brown made an Inuksuk out of Triscuits. For more information about the program, visit online at www.dsbn.org/summer-heat.

Blast from the past

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Staff and residents of Crescent Park Lodge were treated to a history lesson and a fashion show from expert Nancy MacLeod. From left, staff member Sherry Strickland and resident Mildred Newton tried on clothing that women would have worn during the 1800s.

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Council votes to re-examine relationship with EDTC

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Mayor Doug Martin said he is frustrated with a surprise motion delivered at the last minute during last week's council meeting.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard proposed a motion which seeks to re-examine the relationship between the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation. and the Town of Fort Erie.

Collard asked town staff to review two memorandums of understanding between the town and the EDTC to outline better ways "to achieve greater transparency."

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley supported Collard's motion. He said the purpose of the motion was "to see if there is an opportunity to come up with greater transparency." Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero wasn't in favour of the motion and he asked Collard to clarify his motion.

"Where do they expect greater transparency? What is lacking?" he asked.

Martin said Collard's motion didn't "follow the normal process" and all councillors should have been made aware of it before last week's meeting. Collard shouldn't have introduced the motion during the new business portion of last week's meeting, Martin said.

"I find it frustrating because of the great turnover of staff at the town," he added.

"I believe we agreed as a council that we will not be bring up frivolous requests of our staff."

Martin said the town currently has an interim CAO, and a new treasurer and deputy treasurer and bringing forward non-essential reports at this time is taking "valuable time away from staff."

"We agreed to hold non-essential reports. We have three months left as a council. To put this through now is totally irresponsible."

Jim Thibert feels the motion delivered during last week's council meeting is an assault on the EDTC. In an e-mail Thibert sent out Friday, the general manager of the EDTC expressed concern over Collard's motion.

Thibert said the agreement between town and EDTC "spells out legally what the process is."

" It was designed that way by the council of the day to keep economic development independent so the municipality cannot be encumbered in liability through actions of the EDTC helping preserve or attract business," he said.

The motion was passed with a 4-3 vote with Collard, Ward. 4 Coun. John Hill and Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts in favour.

A report is expected to be brought to the Aug. 18 council meeting.

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Man suffers minor injuries following QEW crash

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A 20 year-old male driver was treated on scene for minor injuries following a single vehicle crash last Thursday evening.

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Driver sustains serious injuries following crash

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A 61 year-old man was transported to Erie County Medical Centre in Buffalo, with potential life threatening injuries following a single vehicle collision Sunday morning in Fort Erie.

Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a collision at 7:36 a.m. Sunday on Thunderbay Rd., south of Stonemill Rd.

The 61 year-old male was driving a 2011 Dodge Caravan eastbound on Thunderbay Rd., when he left the south edge of the roadway and struck a large tree.

The police are not releasing the driver's identity at this time.

Fort Erie fire Chief Larry Coplen said the driver was extricated from his vehicle when firefighters opened the driver's side door of the van.

"It wasn't a complicated extrication. The jaws of life were on the way but we were able to remove him with a pry bar," Coplen said.

"It took about 10 minutes to remove him from the van."

Coplen wasn't aware of what caused the collision but he speculated that speed wasn't a factor.

"There were no skid marks. There were no signs that he was speeding," he said.

The driver remains in serious but stable condition at ECMC, according to a press release issued by the NRP.

This collision remains under investigation by the District 5 Uniform Patrol with assistance from detectives from the NRP Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Any witnesses with information about this collision are asked to call investigators at 905-688-4111, ext. 5500.

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HARRY ROSETTANI Special to The Times

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Non-mandatory pre-bid site visit is scheduled for **Tuesday, Aug 12, 2014 at 10:00 s.m.** at Fire Station #6, 271 Ridgewey Rd., Crystal Beach, ON, L0S 1B0.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Invitation to Apply for Appointment to Niagara Compliance Audit Committee – 2014 Municipal Election
www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca

Recent amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* require all municipalities and local boards to establish a Compliance Audit Committee by October 1 of an election year.

In compliance with the Act, the municipalities and school boards of the Niagara Region have cooperatively worked together to establish the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

The purpose of the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee is to:

- Consider whether to grant or reject a compliance audit request made by an elector.
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the auditor's report.
- In light of the auditor's report, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.
- Advise municipal council or school board on the result of a compliance audit request.

Applicants shall have:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of campaign financing rules under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended.
- Demonstrated knowledge of quasi-judicial or administrative tribunals.
- Availability and willingness to attend meetings throughout the Niagara Region.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Preferences shall be given to applicants that have related experience in law, accounting, local government or academics from related fields.

The term of the Committee will commence in 2014 and continue through to 2018. Municipal Election Candidates have until 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2015 to file their Financial Statements. Any requests for a Compliance Audit will occur after that date. While Compliance Audit requests for the 2014 Municipal Election must be submitted by June 25, 2015 (or extended through a supplementary filing), a by-election could result in the need for the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee to sit during the term of Council or School Board.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie resident Teresa Boles was surprised to receive a parking ticket in the mail when she already paid for a month-long parking pass at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site.

Hospital parking causes headaches for residents

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Teresa Boles didn't expect to receive a fine when she parked her car at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site.

That's because she paid for a month-long parking pass at the hospital site.

Boles visits her husband seven days a week and she decided it made sense to purchase a month long pass instead of paying each day.

"I pay $80 to get 31 days. There is no possible way that this should have been given to me. I've kept all of my receipts and I have proof that I paid."

Boles contacted the NHS about her parking ticket and said she was told to provide proof of her parking pass.

She said she is frustrated because people shouldn't be charged so much to park at the hospital.

Boles said "people don't go into the emergency room thinking about loonies and toonies" and the Niagara Health System should offer a financial break for people who visit the hospital site day after day.

She also encourages patients and visitors to keep their receipts when they pay for parking.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular said he's received several complaints from residents who have received parking tickets.

"In one case, a mother was in a trauma situation with her son," Shular said.

"The mother had every intention of paying for parking after her child had been processed after she brought her son in. About 15 minutes elapsed before the child was processed, and in that brief period a bylaw officer issued her a ticket."

Shular said some residents have complained because they believed they don't have to pay for parking if they hold a permanent disability sticker.

In response to parking concerns at the Douglas Memorial Hospital Site, Shular said the Town of Fort Erie sent a letter to the NHS tasking the organization to consider offering a grace period to park and pay.

Bobby Alexander, regional directior of parking and security, said everyone regardless of whether or not they hold a permanent disability sticker is required to pay for parking.

He said the NHS looks at certain cases where people have been issued a ticket. If someone has a concern over a parking issue, Alexander said they are welcome to follow the process on the back of a ticket.

In the case of a medical emergency, Alexander said the best option is to call an ambulance to bring an individual to the hospital.

Of the money generated from parking and enforcement, 70% of the revenues comes back to the hospital to offset operation costs and purchase new equipment. The other 30% goes to taxes and parking management.

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Students honoured for academic achievements

SARA FOULIS Fort Erie Times

The Business Success and Loan Centre in Fort Erie awarded three graduating high school students with bursaries worth $250 each. The Academic Bursary Award is given each year to a student from Fort Erie Secondary School, Lakeshore Catholic High School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School. From left, Maggie Moore, Elaine Cook and Marrisa Collison were each given a bursary last week from BSL manager Steve Helwig.

All Workshops are hosted by Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. For more information call 905-871-7621 or e-mail email rhonda.barron@bridgeschc.ca

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POVERTY REDUCTION

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There are 2 primary options to smoking cessation; Cold Turkey or Medication. There have been many success stories of patients able to quit cold turkey, however it is much more difficult and shown to have an increased rate of relapse. It may be the most cost effective option, but these people suffer greatly from nicotine withdrawal symptoms, which include irritability, anger, restlessness, impatience, difficulty concentrating, depression and anxiety.

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) is available over-the-counter in 4 forms; gum, patch, inhaler, and lozenge. There are different dosages available which is dependent on the amount of cigarettes the individual smokes. If you have questions regarding which dose you should start on and the proper technique to use the NRT, please speak to your pharmacist for assistance.

NRT provides nicotine in a safe form so the body does not have to endure nicotine withdrawal while a person adapts to not smoking. As opposed to cigarettes, NRT are medications that contain only nicotine and not the other harmful chemicals that are present in cigarettes. NRT is considered a 'step down' approach where the patient is exposed to a gradual decrease in the amount of nicotine in the blood. This enables the body to adjust to the changes in a slow and steady manner and experience less side effects.

The most commonly prescribed medication available for smoking cessation is Champix (Varenicline). Champix has recently been shown to have great success for smoking cessation. It works by binding to the same receptors as nicotine, which results in decreased cravings and withdrawal symptoms. Additionally, it decreases the pleasure that people get from smoking making the quitting process that much more effective.

Although there are medications and therapeutic options available, the single most important smoking cessation aid is a patients' will and determination to quit.

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Brick for rain

A brick to Mother Nature for sending us rain. I want nothing but sun shine and blue skies!

Bouquet for nice people

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A brick to the person whole stole my five year-old's bike. I bought my son a brand new bike and it was in our backyard tucked safely away and a thief went into my yard and took it. I would appreciate it if this person could return my son's bike. He was so excited when he took his first ride on it. If you need a child's bike so badly, I would be happy to buy you one of your own so my son could have his back. Shame on you, whoever you are.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

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Making community connections

ROB WIEBE Special to The Times

Wiebe's Fitness Revolution recently hosted a barbecue in partnership with Brock Ford in Niagara Falls. The proceeds from the barbecue helped raise funds toward new equipment for the fitness centre. Owner Rob Wiebe said the event was about "creating relationships in Niagara." From left, salesmen Kevin Good and Wiebe.

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Crystal/Bay Beach

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Speaker: Nick Vujicic

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One of Canada's biggest bike tours due in Niagara

Dan Dakin
QMI Agency Niagara

More than 1,700 cyclists will roll into Niagara next week for one of the biggest multi-day cycling tours in Canada.

Over the course of six days, the Grand Tour Desjardins will loop from Hamilton to Brant county, down to Niagara and then back to Hamilton, leaving behind an economic impact estimated at $600,000.

"It's an elite, high-end cycling holiday," said Susan Morin, the community economic development manager for Venture Niagara, which helped convince tour operator Velo Quebec to bring its largest annual tour to the region this year.

Velo Quebec is one of the biggest cycling tour operators in the world, offering trips on four continents. But the Grand Tour Desjardins is always the biggest event for the non-profit cycling organization.

It has only been held in Ontario once before, in the Thousand Islands area in 2011.

"People are looking for new experiences all the time. We were ready for our next step," said Joelle Sevigny, Velo Quebec's executive director of events and trips.

Morin first heard of the Grand Tour in 2003 while working for a Welland hotel. Sevigny was in Welland when Hamilton held the World Cycling Championships and chatted with Morin about possibly bringing the Grand Tour to Niagara.

It took more than a decade, but Morin said landing the event will help increase the region's profile for cycle-tourists.

"This is just positioning us as a cycling destination," she said. "These people come with a lot of money. They want to see certain things, and they will easily come back."

Unlike the GranFondo Niagara held around Niagara last September, the Grand Tour is more about sightseeing and post-ride entertainment than finishing a set route quickly.

"It's like Club Med on two wheels," Sevigny said. "The main purpose is to bike ride, but the after cycling is very important."

At every day's destination stop, a village of sorts is set up with catered meals, a wine bar, live music, movies, massage therapists and yoga classes.

"There's no strict schedule. It's really trendy and relaxed," Sevigny said.

Morin said the tour isn't costing Niagara Region any money and no roads will be closed along the route.

After leaving Hamilton, the tour heads to Simcoe Sunday, loops around Norfolk county Monday, travels to Welland Tuesday, remains in Niagara Wednesday and Thursday and then heads back to Hamilton Friday. Total route distances range from 379 km to 845 km.

Most of the riders will stay in what organizers call a tent city of 800 camping tents. That will be set up at the Young's Sportspex and the adjoining Jean Vanier school in Welland Aug. 5, then at Saint Paul High School and Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls Aug. 6 and 7.

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MAXIME JUNEAU Special to QMI Agency Niagara

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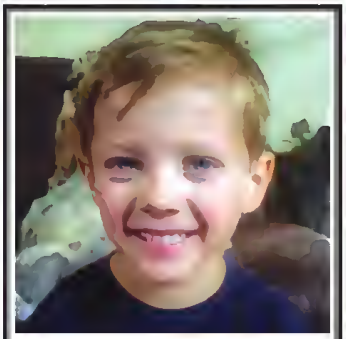

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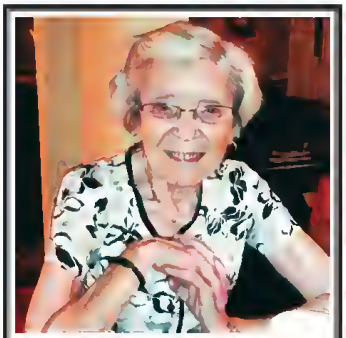

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LEARN, Beverly Ann - It is with saddened hearts the family of Beverly Ann Learn announce her peaceful passing on July 26, 2014, three days before her 63rd birthday. Loving wife of the late Stanley (1990). Loving mother of Norm (Ruth), Petti Carpenter (Bill) and Diana Kelley (Brian). She will be sedly missed by grendchildren David Carpenter (Shari), Stacey Carpenter (John Preece) and Christie Whitford and her great grandchildren Kassy Oberscheider, Jeremy Oberscheider, Sophia Carpenter, Celeste Giroux, Grace Tardif, Matt Lloyd and Lukas Preece. A privete fenily ceremony will be held et e later date. Arrangements entrusted to
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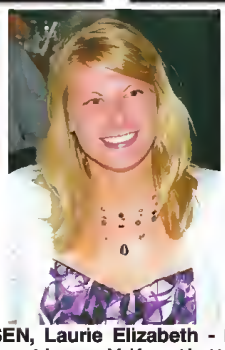

HANSEN, Laurie Elizabeth - Beloved daughter of Lenore McKeen (Jack) of Port Dover and Bill Hansen of St. Catharines. Dear sister of Shelley Law (Mike) of Welland. Special Auntie Laurie of Emily and Merisse Lew. Loving grenddeughter of Janet Hansen (Late Earl) of Port Colborne and Joyce Sokach (Late Nick) of Ridgeway. Laurie is also survived by many uncles, aunts and cousins. Laurie passed away in Calgary in her 31st year, on Thursday, July 17, 2014. She grew up in Welland and moved to Celgery in 2012, where she worked as a veterinary technician. Friends ere invited to cell et Pleasentview Memorial Gardens & Visitation Centre, 2258 Hwy 20, Fonthill on Friday, August 1, 2014 from 10 am to 12 noon. A service to celebrate Laurie's life will be held in the chapel at 1 o'clock. Donations to Wellend end District SPCA or Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be epprecieted by the family. Friends are invited to sign the book of memories at www.cooperfuneralhome.ca (Funeral arrangements entrusted to **COOPER FUNERAL HOME**, Jarvis 519-587-4414).

POTTS, Robert - Bob passed away on Monday July 28th 2014 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Bob is survived by his daughters Joanne and Carol and their families. He will be remembered by his meny friends et Royel Canedien Legion Branch 71 and St. Paul's Anglican Church. Bob is predeceased by his first wife Betty and his second wife Marie. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul's Anglicen Church on Fridey August 1st et 11 am. Interment to follow in the Columbarium. If so desired, donations to St. Paul's Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

WALPOLE, Harold Eugene - Harold passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospitel on Sundey July 20th, 2014 et the age of 79 with family by his side. Predeceased by his wife Janet (1996). Will be sadly missed by his children Karen and John (Monica). Cherished grandfather of Carlee, Devon and Hannah. Harold will be sadly missed by his feathered friend Barney who has provided companionship for over 35 yrs. and his many wonderful friends at the Fort Erie Recetrack. Sincere appreciation to the outstanding nurses and doctors at Douglas Memorial Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Harold and our family during this difficult time. Family and Friends are invited to Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 on Saturday July 26th et 11 em for e service to celebrate Harold`s life followed by refreshments. If so desired memorial donations may be made the Fort Erie SPCA or Last Chance Horse and Pony Rescue would be appreciated by the family.

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WESTROPE, Elsie - Elsie went to be with the Lord on Monday July 28th, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Chuck. Her daughter Karen (Ernie) Romano and sons Don (Marianne) and Bob (Terri) mourn her loss. She will be sedly missed by her loving grandchildren Michael (Tiffany), Deanna (Frank), Denise, Tricia (Paul), Amy (Jon), Katie and Jonathan and by her great grandchildren Victoria, Antonio, Emma, Jacob and baby Rawlins. Also survived by her many friends and extended family. Predeceased by her sister Jeen Dougles. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday August 1st from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Services will be held at the Garrison Road Church 1351 Garrison Rd. (at Pettit) on Seturday morning at 11 am. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donetions to Grows - Seeds of Hope Ministries (seedsofhopeministries.ca) would be appreciated by the family.

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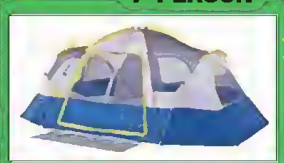

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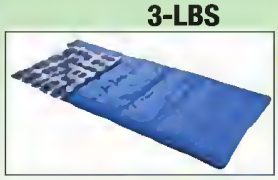

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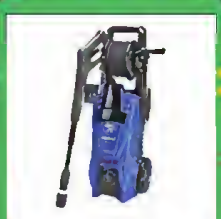

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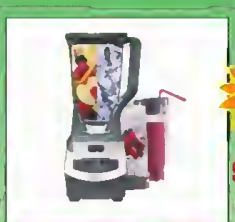

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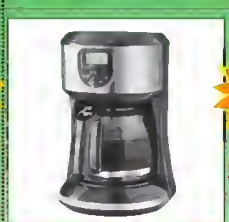

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